Withdrawal of security of VIPs

347. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security cover for some of the VIPs and their relations has recently been reduced or withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the basis on which such reduction/withdrawal has been effected; and

(c) which categories of VIPs are still provided security cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TOE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO:) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The security of the protected persons is reviewed regularly in consultation with the security agencies. Based on the threat perception assessed by the security agencies, security to **a** threatened person is determined. Accordingly, security of prtoected persons is periodically reviewed leading to upgradation, downgradation or withdrawal of security depending on the current level of threat perception.

Security is being provided to 2 types of protectees. Firstly, positional security is provided to some persons by virtue of the position they are holding at the relevant time e.g. Union Ministers, Judges of Supreme Court etc. Secondly, security is provided on the basis of threat perception assessed by the central security agencies.

Ban on SIMI

348. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIB LA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Govememnt have banned the functioning of SIMI in the country;

(b) if so, the details of intelligence reports received by the Government on the anti-national activities of SIMI;

(c) whether the members of SIMI have any links with the terrorists groups in Afghanistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir. The Union Government have banned SIMI under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

(b) The reports received revealed that the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) has been found indulging in" activities which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the society. In view of this SIMI was declared as Unlawful association under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In terms of Sub-Section (1) of Section 5 of the aforesaid Act, Government have constituted Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not their is sufficient cause for declaring SIMI as Unlawful association. The matter is before the Tribunal for a decision.

(c) and (d) No links of members of SIMI with the terrorist groups of Afghanistan have been established so far. However, during their speeches in Ikhwan Confereces some of the SIMI leaders eulogized and glorified Pan Islamic terrorists and fundamentalists like Osama Bin Laden.

Banning of Terrorist outfits

349. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has banned terrorist outfits Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul-Majahideen to fight against terrorism;

(b) if so, when it was declared; and